

HOUSE BILL NO. 480

INTRODUCED BY S. GALLUS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF NEW FISHING OUTFITTER LICENSES; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE, AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Moratorium on issuance of fishing outfitter licenses. The legislature finds it necessary to protect the fishing resource, public health, public safety, and public welfare. Therefore, the board shall establish and regulate a moratorium on the issuance of outfitter licenses for fishing activities. A fishing outfitter licensed on [the effective date of this act] may receive a renewal license, if qualified, but the total number of fishing outfitter licenses issued after [the effective date of this act] may not exceed the number in existence on [the effective date of this act].

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 47, part 3, and the provisions of Title 37, chapter 47, part 3, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Applicability. The moratorium on the issuance of fishing outfitter licenses in [section 1] applies only to applications for new licenses filed on or after [the effective date of this act].

NEW SECTION. Section 5. Termination. [This act] terminates June 30, 2011.

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